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New Police Training School

The Telegraph learns that work will start shortly on the construction of a new Police Training School at Shouson Hill, Aberdeen.

It is expected to be completed and ready for use by the end of May.

The new buildings will replace the present Training School at Waterloo Road, and will consist of five temporary wood buildings designed to accommodate 240 trainees in all grades.

The new site will also provide a larger ground area for training.

It is estimated that the new school will be able to accept 40 more prospective police constables than can now be accommodated in Kowloon.

Guards Stoke Up Palace Fires

London, Mar. 16.—The Strike Committee of the stokers, whose stoppage of work has deprived the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and Government departments of central heating and hot water, will tomorrow consider proposals which may result in an early end to the strike.

The proposals have been submitted in the recommendations from the Ministry of Works district joint industrial council.

The men are demanding 22—per week increase in their wages, which at present average about £4.80.

Police at Buckingham Palace were stoked by men of the famous brigade of Guards last this afternoon when the kitchen staff refused to perform the strikers' duties. It had not yet been decided whether to send Guardsmen to revive the central heating and hot water services at the other buildings affected.

"NO OBJECTION"

A spokesman of the Strike Committee said the boiler men had no objection to the Guardsmen heating the Palace for the King and Queen, but "we do ask that they leave the boilers in a good condition—for us when we resume work."

The Palace was without hot water, central heating and lift service all day yesterday and most of today.

The strike also affected Marlborough House, the residence of Queen Mary, the Queen Mother, and Kensington Palace, the temporary town residence of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Don't Waste Water!

WHEN the Jubilee Reservoir was opened in 1935 the opinion was expressed that Hongkong had solved its perennial water shortage problem. But unforeseen circumstances, such as the overwhelming influx of refugees between 1938 and 1941 had not been taken into consideration, and the Colony found that restrictions in varying degrees of severity remained an annual inconvenience. The danger point in water storage has been reached again, and the authorities have found it necessary, as from tomorrow, to impose restrictions that will make it possible for water to be drawn from the mains only nine and a half hours a day. This is a sudden and startling cut which, the public will feel inclined to believe, might have been avoided if Government had shown a little more foresight. Admittedly the water supply has been restricted to 16 hours a day for the last two months, which can be regarded as a tentative effort to conserve the reservoirs; but aware of the big increase in water consumption, and knowing that the Colony could expect very little rainfall during the winter months, the present serious position might have been avoided if restrictions had been imposed at the end of November last, and gradually extended. The latest restrictions, from the point of view of inconvenience, come at the worst possible time—with the weather growing hotter and stickier and coincidentally increasing demands for bathing and washing facilities. Night time restrictions of water

The Hongkong Telegraph.

Due Here
Today



PLEA FOR SPAIN'S INCLUSION IN MARSHALL PLAN

Paris, Mar. 16.—The second plenary session of the 16-nations Marshall Plan Conference was asked by the Portuguese Foreign Minister, Dr Caetano da Mata, today to include Spain in the European recovery programme.

Saying it was necessary to constitute a solid bloc to ensure Western European recovery, the Portuguese Foreign Minister declared: "In the west of Europe exists a people of 28,000,000 in key position on the Mediterranean and the Atlantic and holding valuable and strategic sea and air positions. It is not easy to see how Spain can be left out of the task of European reconstruction."

Informed quarters here believed Portugal would not propose a resolution calling for the admission of Spain into the Marshall Plan, thus avoiding the necessity of other delegations publicly adopting an attitude for or against Spain's participation.

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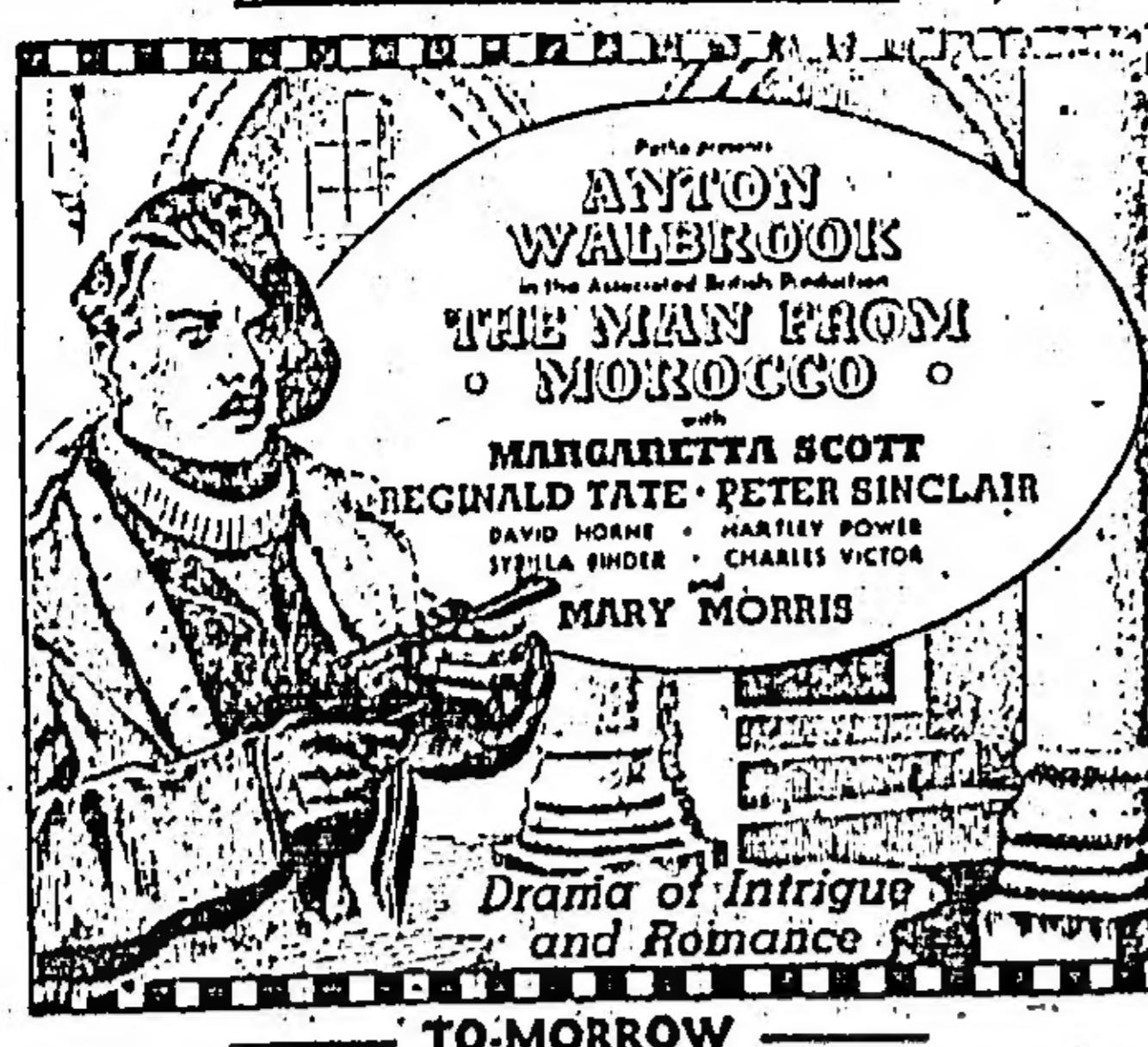
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"Listen! Spring is in the air, the birds are singing, the air is like wine and I do not wish to discuss politics."

THE NEXT MRS PRESIDENT?

A ROUND the corner from the White House in Washington, in an old three-storey house, sits a grey-haired 59-year-old woman whom all America knows as Martha Wheaton Bowers Taft—"Lady in Waiting."

She hopes one day to move round that corner to occupy the room that Abraham Lincoln once slept in, which today is in the possession of President and Mrs Harry Truman.

Martha Taft is the wife of Robert Alphonso Taft, a studious and pontifical Republican Senator from Ohio. The Senator, son of former President William Howard Taft, is trying this year to become America's second President Taft. With his wife's help, he may succeed.

They Laughed

EVEN his friends laughed when lawyer Robert Taft ran in the Senatorial Campaign of 1938. But with Martha stage-managing his public appearances, supplying the wit, emotion and epigrams his own speeches lack, Taft carried 79 of the 88 Ohio counties. Today the pair are using the same tactics for a bigger campaign.

Martha edits all her husband's speeches, but never permits him to see hers. The team is known in its political tours as "Taft and Taft."

I met the plump and stocky Mrs Taft at her home. She was late for our appointment and walked in carrying a bag of groceries.

Breathless, and still wearing her hat, Mrs Taft sat down. She spoke with the campaign gestures and tost-mistress style for which she is famous. Often she bounced towards the edge of her seat in her enthusiasm.

'My Only Chance'

"THERE'S nothing wrong with my ambition to get my husband into the White House," she said. "I always knew he could do it. I've been campaigning for so long for other women's husbands while waiting for this year's chance, it would be strange if I didn't do it for him. Besides, the 1948 elections will be my only chance to become First Lady. My husband will be too old in 1952."

"Yes, the Senator and I do disagree sometimes. But if I keep on at him I usually win him over."

Mrs Taft noticed my look of surprise. She added hastily,

At 59, America's Martha Taft is blazing a trail to the White House for her studious husband . . . and she says "I know he can do it"



by EVELYN WEBBER

is only six percent of the world; six percent cannot go on supporting the rest. Everybody should eat less, and let America look after herself."

I wondered aloud what Mr Taft was going to have for his dinner that night and Mrs Taft brightened. She informed me happily, "Oh, his usual dinner, soup first. He loves soup. Then the usual meat course, with a green vegetable and potatoes; salad, a sweet and some coffee. Why?"

In her campaign to get her husband nominated for President she follows a schedule that would make a strong man wilt. Talking to farmers, factory hands, Jewish clubs, Legion Posts, business men and Negro meetings, she dazzles them with homely word pictures. Martha

speaks on street corners, court-houses, steps, station platforms and the backs of lorries.

"Do you want me to tell you about my husband," she asks—and does. "It gets a good reception. Or she tells a group of miners: "Of course, my husband has not had a humble beginning. He had a first-class education. Isn't that what you prefer?"

Mrs Taft has been in public life for 30 years. Before America's entry into World War II, she appeared at gatherings formed to ensure America's neutrality. ("After all," Martha told me, "Mr Churchill said he only wanted the tools to finish the job.") At one meeting where she spoke, the names of Anthony Eden and Lord Halifax were booted for several seconds, while that of Charles Lindbergh was cheered. I asked Mrs Taft about this.

"My husband and I thought that Germany would not invade America or vice versa," she said. "And we thought Japan would never attack us. We were strong. But I still believe—naturally my husband does too—that the Nuremberg trials are unjust and that the Nazi leaders should have been banished like Napoleon was to some island."

He Listens

TODAY Martha is the brightest star in the wealthy Taft family. But Mrs Taft was quick to explain to me that she and her husband are not wealthy.

If Senator Taft is nominated by the Republicans his wife is prepared to talk her way "clear across the United States" to get him elected. "I want to make him President and I know how, too," she said. "I won't talk about issues. I'll talk about Taft."

The present President is an agreeable man enough," she observed as we walked out to her car. "But unfortunately he is one of the boys. My husband isn't. He listens to me."

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

REMARKING that the lower animals are in some sense our cousins, and that we must treat them accordingly, a correspondent added, "This includes the whole animal creation."

Remind me to tell you one day when I stung my cousin the hornet."

Eckchulah

DURING the remainder of his conversation with the Persians Mr Colin Velvette was considerably handicapped by constant attempts to avoid the word "actually," which, pronounced in his odd fashion, reminded the Trio of a homely word of their own. Mr Velvette's task

was made more difficult by the fact that this word constitutes a large proportion of his vocabulary. There were no accidents until Ashura said, "What is this dycor, please?" "Eckchulah," began the eminent calligrapher, and the rest was lost in a tumult of laughter. The rhythmicologist winced. The Persians repeated the word to each other with increasing delight. When Velvette said, "Today's conference is over," a concerted howl of "Eckchulah!" completed the sentence.

In passing

A WRITER was boasting the other day that whatever one may say against this age, it is a franky outspoken one, and calls a spade a spade. It does nothing of the sort. It calls the murder of the healthy "elimination," or "liquidation," and

the murder of the sick "euthanasia"; it attempted to call free love "compionate marriage"; until the phrase was insight out of existence, it calls industrial conscription "diction of labour"; it calls food "det" or "nutrition"; it calls human beings "units" or "personnel"; it is trying very hard to call Communism the "new democracy." Anybody can think of a hundred other examples.

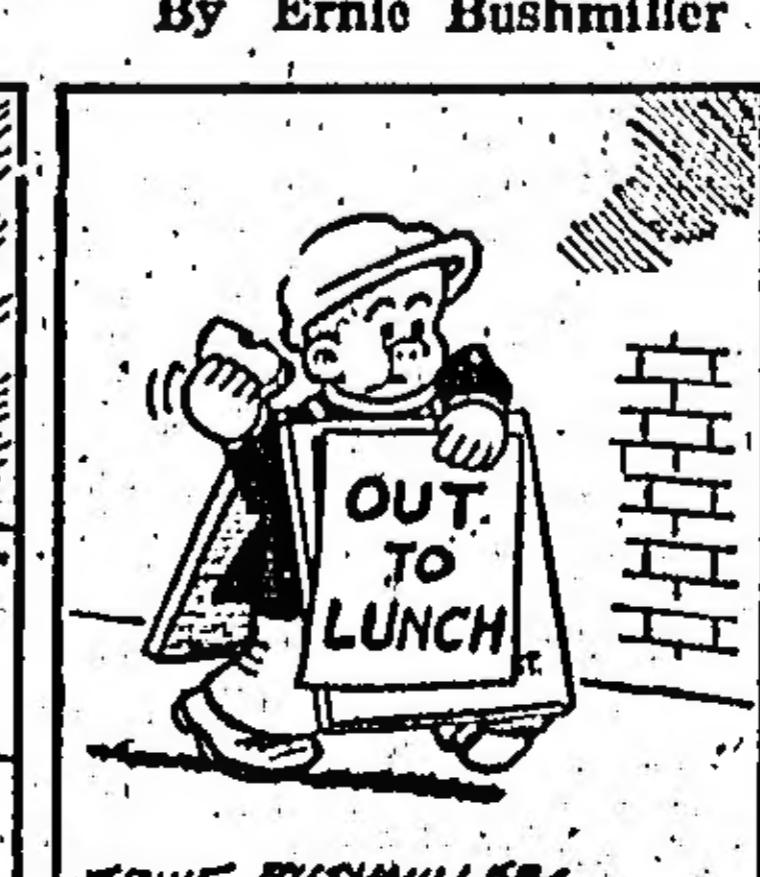
Financial notes

IT is surprising that not one of the financial writers appears to have noticed the real cause of the appalling dullness of the stock market. The marked fall of shorts, and medium-dated irredeemable compensation securities may be partly responsible, as may the action of the clearing houses in withholding nominal issues. But the real cause is to be found in the manifest absurdity of the whole thing.

NANCY On His Own Time



By Ernie Bushmiller



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THE LOST MEN OF ATLANTIS

WELLINGTON (N.Z.)—Twenty-six members of the crew of the British emigrant liner *Atlantis* were reported missing and presumed to be illegal immigrants as she was about to sail for Tilbury.

Her agents, forced to delay the ship's sailing until a full crew was recruited, said: "The position is chaotic."

"Ship jumpers" who take a fancy to the country get one month's jail when they are caught, and then they become New Zealand citizens. They cannot be deported, although they are in the country illegally."

More than 400 British seamen have deserted their ships in New Zealand during the past year, and the illegal immigrant rate is increasing.

CAPE TOWN.—Handsome, screen-struck Leo Bonaventura Fernandez, 20-year-old Portuguese East African, is being deported home from the U.S. for the fourth time.

Fernandez, trying to reach Hollywood to become a film star, has stowed away four times and travelled 14,800 miles, but has got no nearer to his ambition than a sight of New York from Ellis Island, where he is now held.

MELBOURNE.—Australia has not even scratched the surface of her food output potential, Sir Henry Turner, leader of the British Food Mission's meat section, told a producers' conference. He gave meat farmers a jolt by saying that Britain, one-thirty-second the size of Australia, is producing as much meat.

PERTH (W. Australia).—The Western Australian Labour Party has decided to ask the Prime Minister, Mr Joseph Chifley, to appoint a royal commission to inquire into price fixing and controls by the Federal Prices' Commission, "in which the public have little confidence."

FORT DARWIN.—The first sitting of the first Parliament of the Northern Territory, the "Cinderella Land" which hopes to become Australia's seventh State, has been filmed in colour.

OTTAWA.—At the personal request of the King the Canadian Government has agreed that His Majesty shall retain his authority over the appointment of Canada's ambassadors and Ministers to foreign countries, despite recent changes in the status and powers of the Governor-General, Lord Alexander.

PRETORIA.—South Africa completed occupation of the twin islands of Marion and Prince Edward, 1,400 miles southeast of Cape Town, when a frigate landed Alan Crawford, meteorologist, and six fishermen-handymen.

MONTREAL.—Canada's first month of austerity "almost like Britain's" saved £12,500,000 in U.S. dollars. And the savings, said Finance Department officials, "are running higher than we thought possible."

CAPE TOWN.—Opening a tin of California asparagus, Mrs Emma Truter, Negro housewife, found part of an engagement ring with a blue-white diamond worth £500.

Sitting On The Fence

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to a hold-up in dispatch from London, Nat Gubbin's "Sitting On The Fence" is not available for publication today. It is hoped to resume this popular "Telegraph" Wednesday feature next week.

Woman
This Space Every Day
BEAUTY ARTS
By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

You can make your hair beautiful!

SICK HAIR

An abnormal falling of hair occurs when the individual hairs are robbed of the life-giving-nourishment from the blood stream, very often traceable to poor circulation in the deeper, underlying layers of the scalp. Another cause is nerve tension, an unhealthy condition of the nerves which form a network around the hair roots and the hair growing cells.

To aid in creating a healthier scalp and to stop falling hair, follow this home treatment. For a period of two weeks shampoo the hair twice a week. Between shampooing massage the scalp every night with the special ointment which you have selected. At the end of two weeks shampoo the hair regularly once every week.

The night before the shampoo, massive a generous amount of that special ointment directly into the scalp. Between shampoo apply a tiny amount of this ointment to the scalp.

Today we know that the structure of the scalp skin is generally like the skin of the body. We know that it is just as important to cleanse the scalp frequently with soap and water as it is to cleanse the body.

Hair Care Rules
Every woman must have her own comb and brush. Cleanse both frequently with warm water and soap. Sun well.

Combs should have fairly blunt teeth. Steel or wire combs should never be used.

Brushes must have firm bristles, never metal "bristles." Softer bristle brushes are excellent for "polishing" the hair.

Brushing stimulates circulation and cleanses the hair. The hair should be brushed UPWARD and OUTWARD from the scalp. Brushing cannot be overdone.

Hair should be shampooed once a week. If certain conditions exist more frequent washing is necessary. The best soap is lather of green soap; almond and olive oil or pure castile, in either liquid or cake form.

For shampoos—warm to hot water, rich, soapy lather. Warm to cool water for rinsing. Hand-dry with warm, lintless towels.

Styled in thread—*Minute Makeups*
by GABRIELLE

Drawn-thread work is enjoying a new popularity. Swinging along is this girl in her scarlet rayon crepe frock with three-quarter sleeves. A Dalziel utility model. The cuffed yoke showing drawn-thread work is an attractive fashion note for slender girls combined with flared fullness in the skirt.

Left is a rayon weave pastel suit—slim side-peaked skirt and a high-buttoned jacket entirely worked with drawn threads—Sketch by Virginia

Use blue eyeshadow to draw attention to your eyes and away from dark circles, if you have them. To "rub out" fine lines under your eyes blend a little of your foundation cream with your face powder. Spread this mixture under your eyes, then powder carefully.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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"It seems such a short time ago he was a baby—and here he has a girl already!"

Nobody Knows Size Of Chinese Army

By Harold Milks
(Associated Press Correspondent)

NANKING, Mar. 15.—China's national army does not know its own strength. That in brief, is one reason, foreign military experts say, why it lost so many battles.

LEFT BANK GAIETY IS DEAD

In the opinion of experts, Montparnasse, centre of prewar Paris' Left Bank gaiety, is dead.

Worse than that, according to artists and writers, it has become "bourgeois." The once Bohemian district on the edge of the Latin Quarter is considered stuffy today.

The Dome, the Rotonde and other famous cafés have changed character. Stolid, middle-aged Parisians and family groups from the country now dine there. Ernest Hemingway and bearded painters hold court. The once crowded terrace of the Dome is often empty because of the soaring price of drinks.

Post-War, War II intellectuals have filtered down the narrow, curving streets from Montparnasse and established themselves in a new quarter. The area nearer the Seine than Montparnasse is dominated by the church of St. Germain des Pres, with its medieval tower.

Tradition Lingers

Picasso's home and the studio of Raymond Duncan are in the neighbourhood. The American writers, Tennessee Williams and Carson McCullers, live near by.

The prewar tradition of long hair, beards and corduroy jackets lingers on in the new area. Conservative residents complain about the influx of followers of two new philosophies—existentialism and expressionism.

The expressionists also are talking of setting up a night club to interpret their doctrine of freedom and lack of inhibitions.

Residents Object

The residents of St. Germain are not impressed and say that the groups make too much noise.

Tourists are having a hard time keeping up with which particular cafe is in vogue among the new Bohemians. Before the war Les Deux Magots was popular with writers and artists.

Then they flocked next door to the Flore, and Les Deux Magots became "bourgeois." Many intellectuals are now moving to a tiny bar a few doors away, the Moulin. Everybody knows everybody else and it is more like a club than a public bar.

Tourists flock to one cafe and gaze at other tourists, unaware that "the group" has since moved elsewhere.

HOTEL RATES INCREASED

New rates have been posted on staff notice boards in thousands of British hotels. Changes of hours and wages affecting 500,000 waiters, barmmaids, porters, chefs, cleaners and kitchen staff have come into force under the Ministry of Labour Catering Wages Act Order.

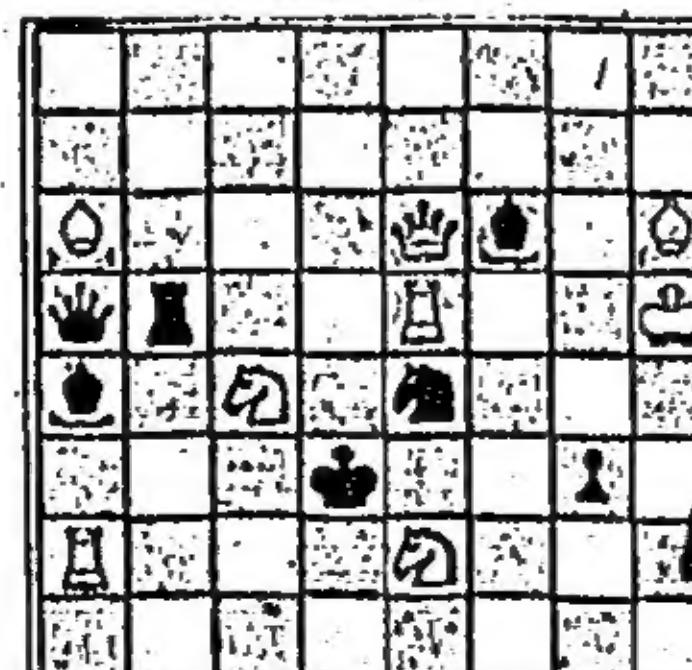
Some hotels are increasing charges by 20 percent to meet the cost. Others already charging 10 percent for service are adding a further 10 percent.

The hours reshuffle to give a 48-hour week—except most chambermaids and waiters. One hotel is having its chambermaids work between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. in relays.

Increase in wages brought the minimum rates for waiters to £5 or £3 13s. plus board and £4 10s. for porters.

CHESS PROBLEM

By W. HEBELT
Black, 7 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. K-R6, 2. R-K8, 3. R-R1, 4. R-R2 (ch); 2. R-R2.

To lack of good leaders which General Marshall described to Congress as defects of Chiang Kai-shek's war machine, these experts add:

Complete lack of administrative system for informing the commanders day to day on the strength of their men, guns and shells. Almost complete absence such records makes China's army a gigantic mystery even to the men who run it.

Nobody, not even Chiang Kai-shek, knows how many soldiers and officers actually are in the ranks of the nationalist army. The same is true for the number of its rifles, machine-guns, cannon and munitions reserve, its battle and disease casualties.

Wrong By Half Million

No general, regardless of his tactical skill, can hope to win battles without knowing the strength and fighting capabilities of the men under him, foreign experts say. They add that it is unlikely that the Defense Minister himself is able to estimate the actual—not paper—to total of China's fighting troops within half a million men.

The usually accepted figure of regular field troops is 2,500,000, but that number can be wrong by several hundred thousand. Nobody knows because personnel records, even for officers, are largely unknown in the lower echelons of the Chinese Army. There are probably 2,000,000 men under arms in peace preservation troops.

Divisional commanders draw the rations and pay for full divisional strength—or as much of it as higher authority permits. Seldom do such commanders know within 1,000 the exact number of men in their unit.

Travelling with the staff of one Chinese division, I received four distinct figures differing more than 3,000 when I asked about the unit's total strength from various officers.

The Chinese Army is so loosely administered that not even the exact number of its commissioned personnel is known.

Casualty Lists Unknown

The casualty lists—essential to the heads of any successful army—are equally unknown in China. During a visit to one Shantung field hospital where most of the wounded appeared to be "walking patients," the head surgeon explained to me that no attempt was made to report the killed and wounded because "only those casualties who walk reach here. The rest die in the field."

American-trained General Sun Li-jen has incorporated the elementary administration—keeping of records of personnel, supply equipment and casualties records—into the training programme of his new Taiwan infantry divisional training centre.

This is one of the first results of the long-repeated recommendations of foreign advisors that China's generals cannot fight a successful war unless they know the strength and condition of their own armies.

SID FIELD OFF TO AMERICA

Sid Field is off on a five-week's voyage of discovery to America where he hopes to discover what makes Americans laugh.

"I made GI's laugh over here," he said before leaving England in the Queen Mary, "but I believe that a man thinks and behaves differently in his own house."

He is anxious to find out the "dollar possibilities of my humour over there," and plans to do this by mingling with audiences at some of Broadway's big comedy shows.

His tour will take in Hollywood, where he has a date with Bob Hope.

—By GENE COOPER

Rupert's Silver Trumpet—28**CROSSWORD**

1. Beloved (6)	2. Female (5)	3. Many, well-known (5)	4. Ego (5)	5. Drowsy (5)
6. Main (4)	7. Backward (5)	8. Almond (5)	9. Spain (4)	10. Skin (5)
11. Against (4)	12. Not quite straight (5)	13. In the schoolboy vernacular (5)	14. The man in Roy is clearly seen (6)	15. Colm (4)
16. Drowsy (5)	17. Not good (5)	18. Semi-tropical plant (4)	19. This is not superior (4)	20. Skin (5)
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Across
1. Mac's blonde lead (name) (6)
2. Escape in vapour (6)
3. Not backward (5)
4. Daniel (5)
5. An old watch that wants to use itself (5)
6. Useless if it goes as when it stands (Cowper) (5)

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DUMB-BELLS

Post-Mandate Gaoling Of Jewish Terrorists Proposal Stirs Irgun

Jerusalem, Mar. 16.—A declaration that they would spend the rest of their lives "hounding down" the sponsors of a suggestion made in the House of Commons that sentenced Jewish terrorists serve their imprisonment in other parts of the British Commonwealth after the end of the British mandate was made by Jewish terrorists of the Irgun Zvai Leumi tonight.

The terrorist statement issued in Tel-Aviv, said the suggestion, which was made during the debate on the Palestine Bill in Parliament, was the "most barbaric in British history."

Mr Reginald Mynihngton Buller, K.C., winding up for the Opposition during the debate on the Palestine Bill in the House of Commons last Wednesday, asked: "What is the legal position as regard to prisoners? What is to happen to the Jews and Arabs who, within recent months, have been sentenced for crimes of violence against British troops, civilians and property? Some of them may have been given life sentences or long terms of imprisonment?"

"On May 15, are they all to be released?"

"Should not there be in this Bill a provision to ensure that they will serve their sentences, if necessary, outside Palestine?"

"Unless we can get some assurances on that important point, a terrorist will know that no matter what sentence of penal servitude a court may impose, he will only have to serve up to May 15."—Reuter.

Non-Acceptance By Arabs

Lake Success, Mar. 16.—When the debate on Palestine was resumed in the Security Council today, M. Chamoun of Lebanon told the Council that the Arab countries would never accept measures to implement the partition resolution which they consider unjust and contrary to the Charter.

M. Chamoun argued that, according to the League of Nations Covenant, Palestine automatically becomes an independent country when the mandate ends on May 15.

Addressing himself particularly to the United States delegate, he said the Arab countries had had friendly relations with the United States for over a century.

"This friendship and co-operation are now completely jeopardised because Zionist pressure has driven the American administration to follow the line it has taken," he said.

Economic transaction between the Arab countries and the United States were also menaced, by the prejudiced attitude of the United States towards Palestine," M. Chamoun declared.

"Today it clearly appears that Palestine bids fair to become a second Korea or another Macedonia, that Greece, Turkey and Iran will be encircled, and that the Middle East, the nerve centre of the world, will thus face the most serious danger of its history."

Recommendations Rejected

"The Arab countries are unanimous in rejecting the recommendations of the General Assembly adopted on November 29, 1947, relating to the partition of Palestine."

"They do not recognise the legality of the Commission provided for by these recommendations and irregularly constituted by the General Assembly."

"They will never accept measures destined directly or indirectly to ensure or facilitate the implementation of a resolution which they consider unjust and contrary to the principles of the Charter."

"From Europe to Central Asia, only a few European countries, which can be counted on one's finger, together with the Middle East, constitute a barrier to invading Communism."

Top-Level Talks In Nanking

Nanking, Mar. 17.—Top-level deliberations, which began yesterday, are expected to continue in an attempt to devise means of stabilising the general living conditions and arrest inflation, informed sources said last night.

In yesterday's talks, sponsored by the Prime Minister, General Chang Chun, the main participants were Mr. O. K. Yu, Finance Minister; Dr. Chang Kai-shek, Governor of the Central Bank, and Mr. K. P. Chen, financial expert.

Their immediate aim is to bring relief to the present economic chaos upon the pattern set forth by President Chiang Kai-shek.

A double-edged plan is now under contemplation, providing for:

1. Periodical publication of the total issue to keep the public informed of the actual amount in circulation;

2. Allocation of US\$400,000,000 worth of government-owned assets as a reserve fund to back the currency as issued.

Revising Confidence

In the first place, as a measure of reviving the people's confidence in the currency, it is considered necessary to reveal the actual amount of the note issue from time to time, as the Government has too often felt that the unofficial estimates of the total amount of paper money in circulation has been exaggerated.

"Thirdly, the Arab states will not interfere in the future fighting in Palestine as long as no other foreign force intervenes."

After the President of the Council, Dr. T. F. Tsiang (China) reported that the "Big Four" were not ready to make a statement on Palestine, the Council adjourned till Friday morning.—Reuter.

Big Four Talks

New York, Mar. 16.—During the Big Four Palestine meeting here today, Dr. T. F. Tsiang (China) said the solution was not sufficiently impartial and that in his opinion the threat to peace in Palestine was not entirely caused by the infiltrations from neighbouring countries.

He said that the arrival of arms by land or sea for either side was a contributing factor.

This was not acceptable to the other three delegations, although all four were reported to be near agreement.

Dr. Tsiang said he would ask the Security Council for more time and the "Big Four" will meet again tonight in an attempt to satisfy the Chinese reservation.—Reuter.

American Killed

Jerusalem, Mar. 16.—The fourth American citizen to die in Palestine was killed today by sniper fire near Haifa. He was Arieh Lessner, 30, of New York City. He was killed while repairing a wire.—Associated Press.

Jewish Currency

Tel-Aviv, Mar. 16.—Fritz Bernstein, head of the Trade and Industry Department of the Jewish Agency disclosed today that the Agency is completing preparations to establish an independent Jewish Palestinian currency based on the American dollar.—Associated Press.

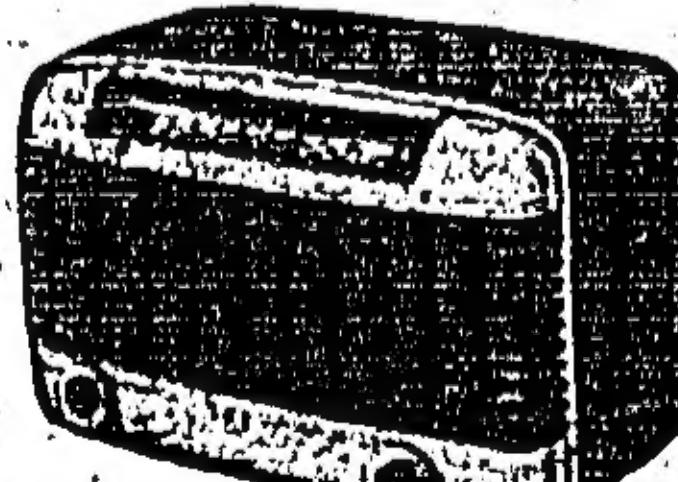
Jews Sail From Germany

Munich, Mar. 16.—The first contingent of Jews in the American Zone of Germany to sail for Palestine will go immediately after Britain has ended her mandate in May, the Jewish Agency in Germany reported today.

Dr. Hoffmann, director of the Agency in Germany, estimated that by the end of October, 1949, 70,000 Jews would have emigrated from the American Zone.—Reuter.

Farnsworth

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360,000 U.S. Miners Strike

New York, Mar. 16.—About 360,000 miners were on strike in 12 States today, cutting off a daily production of more than 1,000,000 tons of soft-coal.

Another 55,000 miners in the open pits of Western Pennsylvania today joined the 210,000 bituminous coal workers called out by Mr. John L. Lewis, the United Mineworkers President, yesterday.

At the same time, more miners from the soft coal fields of the southern States joined the walkout, voted by the Union after mine owners refused to accept a pensions plan of \$100 a month.

In addition, 100,000 meat packing workers, affecting about 140 plants, were also out, pressing demands for an hourly wage increase of 20 cents. A closure of the plants threatens to cut the nation's meat supplies by one-half.—Reuter.

BEVIN TO SIGN

Paris, Mar. 16.—Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, will be leaving for Brussels tomorrow to sign the five-power Western Union treaty.—Reuter.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Cairo.
2. The cause has not yet been isolated.
3. They were first conferred by Pope Innocent IV as a symbol of their willingness to shed their blood for Christ and the Church.
4. Bolivia and Paraguay.
5. Mario Peary, so called because she was born in the Arctic Circle.



WORLD SPORT:

Grand National Jumps Declared Perfect

Liverpool, Mar. 16.—The world-famous jumps of the Grand National course were officially inspected today, and were found to be satisfactory.

The inspection was made by Major G. E. Cotton, the National Hunt Committee's inspector of courses, accompanied by Sir Kenneth Gibson, clerk of the courses, and Mr. A. R. Topham, manager and secretary of the Liverpool course.

Major Cotton described the going as "perfect."

Major Cotton had with him the measurements of the jumps each year since 1914, and found little difference this year. "The jumps are practically the same as they have been for many years," he said.—Reuter.

CURTIS CUP TRIAL

London, Mar. 16.—Fourteen British women golfers, led by Jacqueline Gordon, began a three-day trial today for the Curtis Cup golf team.

Two more trials will be held before the team of six is selected to meet the United States at Birkdale on May 21 and 22.

One will be in Scotland next week, and the last at Birkdale in April.

Miss Gordon was runner-up to Mrs. Babe Didrikson Zaharias of America last year in the British women's golf championship. She is expected to be a member of an all-veteran British team.—Associated Press.

CERASANI DISQUALIFIED

London, Mar. 16.—Italy's Alvaro Cerasani was disqualified in the sixth round of his scheduled eight-round bout against Al Phillips, former European and British featherweight champion, at Harringay Arena tonight.

Cerasani scaled 126 pounds 12 ounces against Phillips' 128 pounds.—Associated Press.

POINTS DECISION

London, Mar. 16.—Nineteen-year-old Randolph Turpin won a points decision over British middleweight champion Vince Hawkins tonight at Harringay Arena, but the youngster cannot hold the title until he is 21 years old.

Their contest was over eight rounds, a non-title bout.

Both weighed 160 pounds.—Associated Press.

SOCCER PROSPECTS

London, Mar. 16.—The English Football League's skillful, forward-thinking is expected to prove the winning factor against the Scottish League at Newcastle on Wednesday.

A forward line composed of Matthews (Blackpool), Harris (Manchester United), Mortensen (Blackpool), Mannion (Middlesbrough) and Finney (Preston North End) looks on paper a goal-scoring outfit good enough to punch holes in any defence.

Scotland, currently in bottom spot in the International championship table, is experimenting in the hope of finding a team to beat England in the International game at Hampden Park on April 10.

England selectors too will be out in force on Wednesday.

They will watch Mortensen at centre-forward with especial interest, for the Blackpool man looks a good fit for the task.

In the second place, if the umpire had ruled interference is a matter of judgment on the part of the umpire and, even after consultation, the third base umpire, who had jurisdiction of the play, did not see fit to rule interference.

In view of the fact that this protest created unprecedented controversy among local sportsmen, I forwarded to the International Football Committee on Softball.

Rules, the complete evidence and facts as recorded at a meeting held to hear the protest, and I shall be obliged if you will print the following ruling which I received from them in this morning's mail:

"In the first place, interference is a matter of judgment on the part of the umpire and, even after consultation, the third base umpire, who had jurisdiction of the play, did not see fit to rule interference.

In the second place, if the umpire had ruled interference, the runner would have been entitled to third base only without liability to be put out and any further advance would have been at his own risk.

In the book you have, this should be found in Section 5 of Rule 27. This rule allows the runner only the base to which he is going at the time of an interference, not an additional base."

I trust the above interpretation of the rule quoted will be of interest to your readers.

H. W. WINGLE,
Hon. Secretary,
HK Softball Association.

Explodes In Mid-Air

Manila, Mar. 16.—A P-47 fighter plane of the United States Air Force exploded in mid-air over Tarlac yesterday morning.

The pilot, Lieutenant Frank Murzin, was able to bail out from the wrecked plane. He sustained minor cuts and bruises.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given that the forty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday the 17th day of March, 1948, at Noon, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

NOTICE is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th March, 1948, to the 17th March, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors.

C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1948.

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